WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Public sector investments in NER

2213. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of public sector investments in the North-Eastern Region from 1995-96 to 2000-2001, State-wise;

(b) the details of these investments, sector-wise;

(c) the share of public sector investments in the North-Eastern Region in total estimated public sector investments in the country as a whole; and

(d) the measures adopted by Government to accelerate the tempo of public sector investments in the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Material is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Involvement of North-Eastern Region with the national mainstream

2214. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that despite years of developmental largesse from Government aiming at mainstreaming the North-East, feeling of oneness with the rest of country has not significantly emerged amongst local people of these areas; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to further involve them so that impediments to lasting peace in the North-East are avoided especially in view of the belligerent neighbouring countries around the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Most of the North Eastern States joined the planned development process later than many other States. The trauma of partition, political evolution,